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**In the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 21 as follows.

Referring to Fig. 1, a security system 11 includes a door lock controller 15, which is installed in a vehicle 12 (locked subject). The security system 11 also includes a portable device (wireless key) 14 that can be carried by a person using the device, e.g., a driver 13. The portable device 14 performs wireless communication with the door lock controller 15. Wireless communication for ID verification is performed between the portable device 14 and the door lock controller 15. The door lock controller 15 opens and closes the door locks of the vehicle 12 in accordance with the ID verification result. Accordingly, the security system 11 is provided with a smart entry function.

Please amend the paragraph that bridges pages 10 and 11 as follows.

In step S21, the key detection sensor 33 of the portable device 14 checks whether the mechanical key 18 is retained in the key retainer 17. When the mechanical key 18 is retained in the key retainer 17, the portable device microcomputer 22 keeps the portable device indicator 19a turned off. Since the portable device indicator 19a is not illuminated, the driver 13 can confirm that the mechanical key 18 is ~~not~~ retained in the key retainer 17.

Please amend the paragraph that appears at page 11, lines 13 to 23, as follows.

In step S24, the door lock controller 15 receives the ID code signal transmitted from the portable device 14. The vehicle microcomputer 42 then performs ID verification and opens or closes the door locks in accordance with the ID verification result. Since the vehicle microcomputer 42 does not receive the warning signal, the vehicle microcomputer 42 determines that the mechanical key 18 is retained in the key retainer 17 and keeps the vehicle indicator 19b turned off. Since the vehicle indicator 19b is not illuminated, the driver 13 can confirm that the mechanical key 18 is not retained in the key retainer 17.